

within a radius of fifty miles. The system is very complete, the patronage is good and the company is in a prosperous condition.

The directors in the company are Messrs. J. H. Townsend, George B. Townsend, J. A. Brock and H. C. Townsend. Mr. J. H. Townsend is the president of the company and Mr. George B. Townsend is secretary and manager.

THE STEAM LAUNDRY.

The Anderson Steam Laundry has been running for about five years, and during that time the very best class of work has been done. A stock company was organized in the city and the plant was put in operation shortly after. Later the capital stock of the company was increased, as it was found necessary to increase the volume of work in order to meet the rush of business.

From the very start the laundry proved a success. Several experienced Northerners, who had long been in the laundry business, were brought here to superintend the work, and by this means the first batch of goods turned out was equal to any of the older institutions of the same kind. All of the latest improved machinery was put in. A large and commodious building was erected on East Boundary street, and the same stand is still used. The main building is 25 by 50 feet, besides the dry rooms and sheds.

All of the workmen employed are white, as it has been demonstrated that they can do better work in a laundry than the negroes. The laborers, too, are all skilled with long experience.

Mr. R. A. Mayfield is the treasurer and general superintendent, and by his unflinching courtesy has built up a large patronage in Anderson.

The business is not confined to this city alone, but there are about forty branch offices established throughout the State, North Carolina and Georgia. Every week orders are received from these offices and the amount of business is of course increased.

A steam laundry was a necessity at Anderson, and the men who put their money in the enterprise have since found out that it was a better paying investment than they at first expected.

ANDERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY.

A telephone exchange, thoroughly equipped, is one of the latest improvements that have been made in the city, and the company is now in a most flourishing condition. The system has only been in operation about a year, but in that time the service has been made complete and the people have no grounds to complain of a bad or irregular service. There are about ninety subscribers in the city, and with long distance telephone connections with Belton, Honea Path, Pelzer, Piedmont, Greenville, Abbeville and Easley. Thus it can be seen that Anderson is in close touch with all the neighboring towns, and other connections will be added to this already large list.

The directors are: Messrs. R. E. Ligon, J. L. Mauldin, J. M. Sullivan, R. T. Long, L. P. Brock, R. S. Hill and W. R. Osborne.

Mr. R. E. Ligon is President, Mr. W. R. Osborne is Vice-President, Mr. G. W. Evans is Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. F. W. Nardin is Superintendent.

SUNSET FOREST.

Of the many lovely views and places of pleasure resort south of the Blue Ridge mountains there are few to compare for beautiful woodland scenery and Pelucid Chalybeate Springs with Sunset Forest.

A broad carriage road leads westward over gently sloping hills, past neat farm cottages and beneath far spreading branches of oak and elm, which stand here and there amidst their tender kind of recent growth, to the entrance of this sylvan region, which is distant from Anderson exactly two and a half miles. Unlike the Normans, who placed as high a value upon beasts of prey as upon human life and by dreadful penalties forbade entrance to their forests, the gates of this enclosure stand always open to the busy tired toilers of the city and to those whose leisure hangs heavily upon their hands and makes them slaves to cooling shades and ever changing prospects. Turning abruptly to the left from the carriage road and entering the east gate, which is the first we encounter, the vast interior is exposed. It is not superiority or symmetry of trees alone that calls for admiration of Sunset—the smaller growths are surprising in their profusion and variety. The wild flowers of widely varying flora blossom in and jewel the undergrowth and fringe the driveways and paths which lead in curves and angles beneath interlaced branches, high overhead, far into the very heart of the forest, where abounding signs of verduous life are on every hand.

"Here grows a checkered shade display,
And part admit and part exclude the day."

The wild deer and bear have long since disappeared to the Blue Ridge mountains, which is almost their last

refuge, but the thick underwood conceals the quail and rabbit, while the gray squirrel and opossum find a safe retreat in the majestic trees. Here magnificent oaks, hickories and pines, more to be admired for their symmetry than for their size, stand erect and defiant, having braved many changing seasons, while others are twisted, broken or prostrate, having succumb-

ated the narrow Indian trails which led to and from these famous health-giving waters, broad drives and walks of ample width now take their places. Tangled brakes, plenteous ferns, flowery dells, tastefully bestow shrubs and trees, great and small, show the work of art and are an untold boon to the over-worked citizens of Anderson and an attraction to people of every

rooms and two servant rooms and cook rooms, which are separated by an open hallway. Diversity of style characterizes the entire construction. From the front, on one side, the piazzas are finished with round corners and curve gracefully around, while on the opposite they break off abruptly in an elbow. High above the piazzas the gable is fretted with lattice work and ornamented with scroll work. In all parts of the building the windows are of different styles and tastefully arranged in suits or pairs. Probably the most beautiful of these is the circular balcony window, which projects high up from the side next to the Spring. The whole of the interior is tastefully painted in colonial colors—two shades of yellow and white—which blends beautifully with the surrounding foliage. The interior, throughout, is elegantly finished in natural wood—yellow pine—hard and finished. The walls are wainscoted and the ceilings or paneled.

From the exterior, graceful curved steps lead up into the piazza, from which you can enter the reception room and two parlors en suite, handsomely carpeted and furnished, and also the dining room.

From the reception room an open arcade extends to the roof and skylight and broad easy steps lead to the apartments above. From the same room you enter a vestibule, from which you can enter any of the rooms on the front. The dining room is spacious and can be entered from the piazza, parlors or reception room. It is beautifully finished with wainscoting and deep panel ceiling and stained oil floor. A large landscape window, on the east side, furnishes abundant light and affords a beautiful view of the forest and springs.

Throughout the building there is a total absence of hallways and passages. The arrangement is convenient and unique.

Much more could be said of Sunset Forest, with its beautiful, verdant pastures, annexed with lowing cattle of finest breeds and of the magnificent two-hundred-acre farm, belonging, which is in a high state of cultivation, but the want of space will not permit us to do so.

LODGES.

The secret organizations in Anderson are on a higher plane than those usually found in other cities where the material is so mixed; but in this city it is quite different.

Hiram Lodge, No. 68, A. F. M., was granted a charter on October 29, 1847. Since its organization it has furnished four most worshipful masters, Ex-Gov. J. L. Orr, Jas. A. Hoyt, W. W. Humphreys and R. E. Divver. Two temples have been erected, the first in 1854, which was used until 1889, when the present Masonic Temple was erected at a cost of \$25,000. It is one of the handsomest in the State. At present there are 125 members.

Burning Bush Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M., obtained a charter February 28, 1850. It now has 40 members.

Wynne Council, No. 4, R. and S. M., received a charter March 13, 1860, and now has 20 members.

Knights of Honor, Anderson Lodge No. 290, was organized May 26, 1896, with 15 members. It has had on the rolls since about 200 members. During its history this chapter has had 30 deaths, and has paid out \$60,000 to beneficiaries of deceased brothers.

A. O. U. W., Orr Lodge No. 5, was organized March 30, 1888, with 65 members, and since that time has had only two deaths.

Knights of Pythias, Chiquola Lodge No. 32, was organized September 22, 1890, with 20 members, but the rolls have now increased to about 90 active members, and the next meeting of the grand domain will be held in this city under the supervision of this lodge. A movement is on foot to organize a uniform rank with Chiquola lodge.

NEWSPAPERS.

There are three weekly newspapers published in Anderson, all Democratic journals and enjoying a good business.

The Intelligencer is the oldest, best and the most widely read of any, and for many years has been the leading newspaper in Anderson county. The Intelligencer has the reputation of being second to none in South Carolina, both in regard to circulation and its news feature. It is owned and edited by Messrs. Clinkscales & Langston, who have been connected with its publication for a number of years. Mr. Langston is the Secretary of the South Carolina State Press Association.

The People's Advocate is owned by a stock company and is edited by Mr. D. H. Russell. Mr. G. P. Browne has charge of the business end of the paper.

The Anderson Journal completes the list of newspapers in Anderson. The Journal is edited by Mr. R. R. Todd, who has held that position for a number of years.

THE BAR OF ANDERSON.

The members of the Anderson Bar are known as courteous gentlemen of

legal lore, intelligent, cultivated and learned. The lawyers are known throughout the entire State, and in all positions of life they are found equal to any emergency that might arise before them. An unusual amount of business is transacted during the year, in a legal line, and the Anderson attorneys all have built up a good practice.

IRON FOUNDRY.

The Anderson Iron Foundry is another home enterprise that does a large business. It is situated near the edge of the city. Mr. T. L. Alston is proprietor and employs a number of workmen.

INSURANCE.

The Old Line Fire and Life Insurance Companies are not without representation in Anderson and some of the agents are very active. The Fire Companies are represented by A. B. Towers, J. W. Brock, Jas. R. Vandivar, Jas. M. Catheart, P. B. Sloan, J. D. Maxwell and J. H. vonHasseln.

Only two of the "Old Line" Life Companies are actively represented. The Mutual Benefit, of Newark, N. J., by Messrs. Mauldin & Webb, as local agents, and the "Nederland" Life Insurance Co. by L. E. Norryce, as local agent.

There is nothing which more clearly indicates the intelligence, business foresight and prosperity of a people than a proper appreciation of and judicious investment in Insurance, particularly Life Insurance. That which man produces—cities, buildings and works of art—may, and frequently, does last for ages, but the allotted time of man is fixed. He must die and few here be who reach the limit of expectation. It has been computed that the death rate of the globe is 68 per minute, 97,790 per day, or 35,717,790 per year. What a vast army this is and made up yearly of new recruits. What man amongst us dare say that his name is not already enrolled with those who will make up this army next year, next month, next week, or even to-day. There is but one chance in his favor with 35,717,790 against him. What is the condition of your estate? Is your mother, wife and those dear ones you were instrumental in bringing into existence provided for? Is your estate sufficient for their maintenance, religious training and education so that they will be worthy men and women? If your estate is small, if these provisions have not been made, Life Insurance puts them at once within the reach of every man and at such a small yearly cost that not to have them amounts to positive neglect. Whether one should take Life Insurance is no longer a question in this age of enlightenment. The questions to be considered are: is the company on a solid financial basis? Does it put up security in the hands of the law to guarantee the fulfillment of every contract? Is the contract plain and simple and divested of "estimates," which are attractive, but too often misleading? Is the policy non-forfeitable and incontestable? The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J., offers all these requisites. This is one of the oldest companies in the United States—established in 1845—and has over sixty million dollars assets. It writes all the forms of participating and non-participating insurance, Straight Life, Five, Ten, Fifteen and Twenty Payment Life and Endowment Policies. It extends a "premium loan" feature offered by no other company, which reduces the actual cost as low as assessment societies. Its Policy Contract is the simplest written—plain and definite. Dividends are declared and paid annually, beginning with the second year. Cash Values, Extended Insurance and Paid-up Values are endorsed on every policy at the end of the second and subsequent years. This company has many policy-holders in this and adjacent counties. The Mutual Benefit is represented by Messrs. B. F. Mauldin and Chas. W. Webb, who hold a district agency, embracing Anderson, Greenville and other counties.

The sketch of Mr. Mauldin appears elsewhere. He has had 15 years' experience as Life Insurance Agent. Mr. Chas. W. Webb is a son of Elijah Webb, who, for 28 years, was clerk of court of Anderson county, and who was, perhaps, as widely known and highly respected as any man in the County. Chas. W. Webb was born in the city of Anderson, October 20th, 1854, and was for five years Postmaster at this place, under Grover Cleveland. For the past six years he has devoted his time to Life Insurance. As the father was, so the son is, widely known, and his genial manners and fair dealings has won him a host of friends and crowned his efforts with success.

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLES.

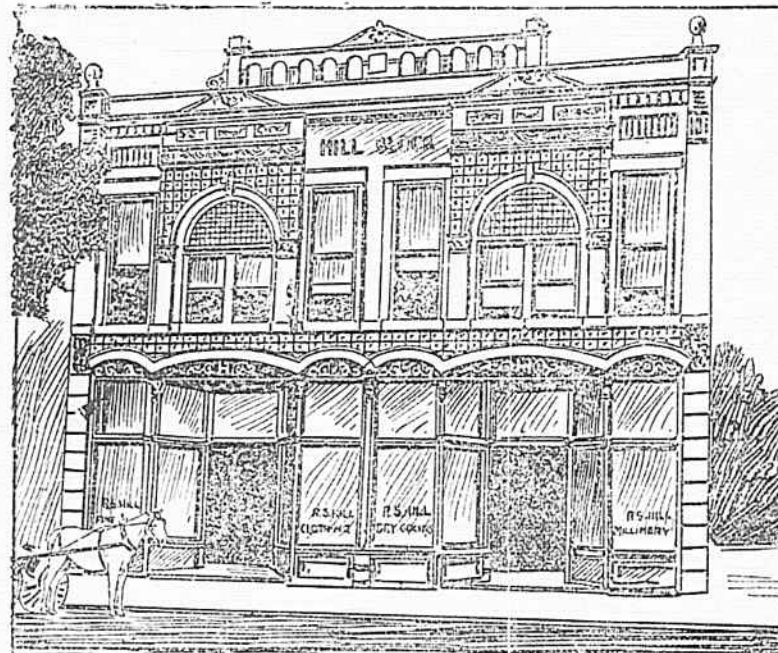
Anderson is not lacking in any enterprise which meets the necessities and demands of her citizens and visitors. Good horses and vehicles are always appreciated and in constant demand. The same may be said of fine mules for farm and dray work. In this line Mr. J. L. McGee deserves



WATSON BLOCK.

ed to the violence of storms. Lickens, with their irregular shapes, cling to many knotted trunks, while ivy matted and massed together twines about the wrinkled pillars and creeping upward, drops and mingles its green and yellowish foliage with that of the trees. Scattered here and there white greenish tinted blossoms of the dogwood tree brightens the rich

clime. The hands of the mason have hollowed out and deepened the bowls of the springs and solid rocks now wall their hexagon shaped sides. Semicircling one of the boldest, solid, rustic masonry rises to a height of three feet and supports a superstructure of wooden frame work arranged in a series of arches which end in one and arch at the entrance. The whole

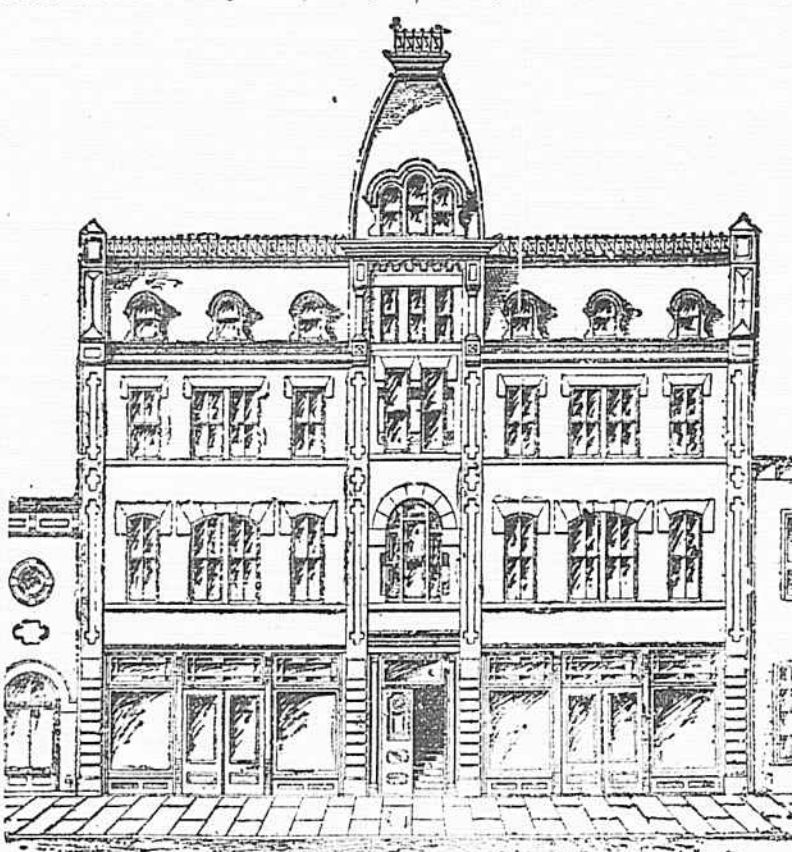


R. S. HILL'S BLOCK.

woodland scenery, while the sweet eglantine or honeysuckle and sweet shrubs add beauty and exhale their perfumes far and near.

Deep in the center of the forest, but near the western gate, from a wild alcove, a venerable group of poplars and oaks lift their crests and mark the place where, loosened from their subterranean prisons, limped

is capped with a conical shaped roof, and painted in colors to harmonize with the surrounding verdure. Suspended high above the entrance is a large wooden horseshoe, which bears the inscription, "Sunset Forest." Within the Springhouse thus completed, restful seats are placed and so refreshing the water, so delightful the cooling breezes which never lull, and



MASONIC TEMPLE AND OPERA HOUSE.

springs pour their copious, icy waters forth. Nature, happily, has been lavish in her distribution of beauties here, but art is also doing much. Situated within a few feet of each other; so near, indeed, you are persuaded they are fed by the same fountain head, are three springs, one of which is strongly impregnated with iron, another with sulphur, while the third is so slightly chalybeate you can scarcely detect it. From these springs musical rivulets run over pebbly bottoms and lose themselves in one commingling stream among the waving ferns and grasses which border the gently sloping banks. Art has almost obliterated

so musical the rivulets in their rapid flow, the hour for departure brings with it a regretful sigh.

A few yards from the Springs, westward, on a slight eminence, surrounded by beautiful oaks, hickory and pine trees is the home of the owners of Sunset Forest, Mr. J. J. Fretwell and his happy and interesting family. This building stands alone in excellence and unsameness of architecture, most of the details of which were planned by Mrs. Fretwell. It is a large three story frame structure in the shape of a cross, with straight arched roof and double piazzas and contains thirteen rooms, not including bath